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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action dated November 5, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for a reply.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.